

It is believed that the above-identified amended claims are supported by the application as originally filed. For example, support for these claims can be at least found at pages 8-11 of the specification and FIGS. 1, 2, and 6 of the drawings.

Initially, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 23, 24, and 26 contained allowable subject matter on page 8 of the Office Action.

In that regard, the features of dependent claim 26 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, and claims 10, 25, and 26 have been canceled. As a result, claim 13, 19, 20, and 23 have been amended to update their dependency. Consequently, it is believed that independent claim 1 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

It is also believed that amended independent claim 14 is in condition for allowance.

Interview Summary

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The Applicants first wish to thank Examiner Sandy for the telephonic interview of November 14, 2007 concerning the above-identified application. At the interview, the cited reference, U.S. Patent No. 4,054,965 to Vig et al. (hereinafter "Vig"), was discussed. No agreement was reached between the Applicant and the Examiner.

Claim Rejections

Independent Claim 1

On page 5 of the Office Action, independent claim 1 was "rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 4,887,824 to Vig. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,054,965, cited by applicant)." Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of original dependent claims 10, 25, and 26. As recognized in the Office Action, claim 26 was not anticipated by Vig and was indicated as allowable. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Independent Claim 14

On page 7 of the Office Action, independent claim 14 was "rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Vic [sic] et al. ('965) in view of Kramcsak, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 2,799,514, having been cited of record)." Applicants respectfully traverse. Applicants submit that the cited references alone or in combination do not teach or suggest the claimed